

Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Docket No.: C364.104.101

Title: CATHETER WITH FLEXIBLE TIP AND SHAPE RETENTION

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 15, 2006. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 16, 17, 25, 26, 28, 30, 39, 45, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kiemeneij, U.S. Patent No. 6,620,150 ("Kiemeneij") in view of Jafari et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,652,472 ("Jafari"). Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kiemeneij in view of Jafari, and further in view of Chaisson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,086,458 ("Chaisson"). The Examiner's indications that claims 1, 2, 10-15, 31-38, and 40-44 have been deemed allowable, and that claim 29, although objected to, would be deemed allowable if rewritten, are noted with appreciation.

With this Response, claims 16, 17, 25-30, 39, 45, 46 have been amended. Thus, all claims rejected in the Final Office Action have been cancelled. In light of the Examiner's indication that remaining claims 1, 2, 10-15 31-38, and 40-44 are allowable, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 2, 10-15, 31-38, and 40-44 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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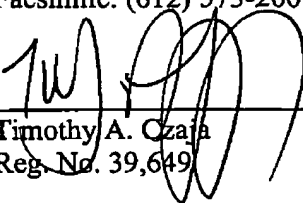
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